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Medicare Town Hall Meeting

- **Who:** Lt. Governor André Bauer and Constantinos Miskis, Administrator for the U.S. Administration on Aging's Southeast Region, will join hundreds of area seniors and advocates for aging issues at this event.
- **What:** Seniors and their families are being encouraged to attend a town hall-style meeting on Medicare with officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging and the Social Security Administration. Hosted by Lt. Governor André Bauer, the event will give senior citizens and medical and human services professionals specializing in aging issues from across the state the opportunity to question a panel of federal experts on the topic of the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits and what they mean for Medicare beneficiaries in South Carolina. The meeting is planned as part of the Summer School of Gerontology, an annual conference sponsored by the South Carolina Lt. Governor's Office on Aging that explores aging-related health and medical issues and provides training to professionals and advocates who work with the state's aging population.

The town hall meeting continues a coordinated effort by state and federal agencies involved in the delivery of human services to make sure information about the new Medicare programs is made widely available to everyone who is eligible. More information about the Summer School of Gerontology conference can be found on the web site for the Lt. Governor's Office on aging at www.aging.sc.gov, or by calling 1-800-868-9095.

- **When:** Wednesday, August 24, 5:00 PM - 8:00PM
- **Where:** Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, 3200 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach